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Looking back at 2016 in the Highlands



Look back at the news stories from the Minden Times throughout the last year in our special section starting on page 11. Photos from top left: Kinmount fair (Chad Ingram/Staff); Minden Wild Water Preserve (Darren Lum/Staff); pride picnic (Angela Long/Staff); Canada Day crazy raft race (Chad Ingram/Staff); Minden ice races (Chad Ingram/Staff); dance recital (Angelica Ingram/Staff); middle photo, Highland Yard (Huw Morgan/Special to the Times).

Kinmount pharmacy robbed

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

OPP are looking for information regarding a robbery at the Kinmount pharmacy just after Christmas.

The robbery happened at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

"A male suspect entered the store with a wooden handled hammer and demanded prescription drugs," police said in a press release. "Store employees complied with his demands and the male fled the area with the stolen narcotics in a red and grey duffle bag. The suspect fled the store and got into a small black sedan with dark tinted windows. The car was described as being newer and possibly a Honda."

A second suspect was driving the car.

Police are looking for a white man approximately six feet tall, with a medium build. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a light grey coat, light blue hoodie, large-framed sunglasses and running shoes.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call the Peterborough County OPP detachment at 705-742-0401 or 1-888-310-1122, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Reeves share highlights of 2016 and look ahead to 2017

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Times asked Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin and Algonquin Highlands

Reeve Carol Moffatt to share some highlights and challenges from 2016 and goals for 2017 with the paper.

Minden Hills

In 2017, if all goes according to plan, construction will start and finish on a project a decade in the making, says Minden Hills

Reeve Brent Devolin.

"We're going to build a fire hall," Devolin says. "They've been kicking that can around for a decade-ish."

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Housing, community centre on the agenda

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In November, Minden Hills council awarded the contract for the \$2-million project to Huntsville's Greystone Construction. The facility will be built beside the county EMS base along Highway 35, on a piece of property Minden Hills purchased from the upper tier. The construction of a new fire hall has been discussed by a succession of councils, with preliminary studies conducted during the previous council term.

Devolin says the new hall will be operational by the end of the year.

"2017 will see it started and completed," he says.

With the opening of the new facility, the space occupied by the current Minden Hills fire hall will be opened up for other, yet-to-be-determined purposes.

This year, council will also get to work on strategic and economic development plans for the township, through a framework laid out by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

"The people at OMAFRA are very expert in this," Devolin says. "We will have them coach us and lead us through the process."

Some similar studies have been done in the past, the last one a village development master plan completed in 2013 during the previous council term, and the reeve says those documents will be drawn upon.

"We're going to dust off some of the bodies of work others have done, we don't have to reinvent the wheel," Devolin says.

The township will also continue looking at expansion options for the Minden Hills Community Centre and S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. A public input process for that project drew some criticism last fall after an indoor pool was not an option in any of the scenarios presented.

Devolin, who will sit as warden of Haliburton County for 2017, says conversations about changes to county council, and the role of warden, are also on the menu for the year.

During her last meeting as county warden for 2016, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt requested that the upper-tier council have a discussion about changing the role of warden, which she says is becoming more and more about being an external advocate for the community and a liaison



Minden Hills Reeve and this year's County Warden Brent Devolin. File photo. DARREN LUM Staff

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Currently, county council – which consists of the reeves and deputy-reeves of each of the county's four lower-tier townships – votes annually on who will sit as warden for the upcoming year. One of Moffatt's suggestions was that the warden's term be extended to two years with option for renewal. Another was for the creation of a new position, a ninth member of county council, who would be elected by residents as warden and serve for a full, four-year municipal term.

"My intention this year, with the rest of county council, we need to have a frank discussion about why we do what we do, what's the evolution that is going on elsewhere," Devolin says. "What's becoming more the norm elsewhere is a two-year [warden's] term. We're going to talk about a bunch of stuff and I would say there is nothing that will be out of bounds in terms of discussion."

Reflecting on 2016, "the biggest highlight of the year, the housing initiative," Devolin says, referring to the Pinegrove Place affordable housing complex being constructed by the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation near the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Residents are scheduled to move into the 12-unit building later this year.

"Really, we haven't done any of that kind of building in over 20 years," Devolin says. "We've had multiple housing studies that say we need 200 housing units or equivalent, of all housing types, of which that's one type."

While Minden Hills council had agreed to pay up to \$300,000 for preparatory work for the project, it would end up dishing out some \$540,000. Some work – including the relocation of a quonset hut and roads work – ended up costing more than anticipated and the township also paid some \$110,000 to connect the building to the township's water and sewer system, something staff said they only discovered in the fall was to be the township's responsibility.

Devolin points out the work is not just for the 12-unit building currently under construction, but a second phase of the project the housing corporation has planned for the future. Together, both phases will provide more than 30 units.

"Basically, we have it ready at Pinegrove Place for phase one and phase two," he says.

Devolin lists a 25-year plan for the Scotch Line landfill, 10-year asset management plans for vehicles, roads and structures and an emergency management plan for township as

other accomplishments of 2016.

"It's a huge, comprehensive body of work, with department heads and others that assesses all kinds of risk," he says. "In 2016, it was an awful lot of work by all department heads and others. It's sort of one of those things, we hope we never have to use it, but the fact it's fully evolved gives me comfort."

A major challenge of 2016 was the situation at Bob Lake, south of Minden.

Residents of the lake approached council after their boats were stranded in the lake by a landowner who barricaded a long-used boat launch on his property.

For many years, there was a misunderstanding, including by Minden Hills township, that the launch was publicly owned. However, it is located on private property and, citing legal concerns after he was told he had an unsafe boat launch, the owner blocked access to the site with a chain barrier and, later, a line of flagstones.

Residents came to council, saying their boats were being held hostage on Bob Lake. There is no public launch on the water body.

Eventually, council was able to negotiate an agreement with that landowner and lake residents were given an 11-day window in early October to remove their vessels. That process cost the township nearly \$10,000, not including staff time.

"There's no single file that invested more time in in 2016," Devolin says. "Bob Lake is a perfect example of things that happened in the past where there was no ill intent. A private dam was built on properties that were substantially owned by a logging enterprise. There would have been verbal commitments and handshakes of which there's no public record."

The reeve reiterated it was an apparent comment by one lake resident to the property owner about litigious issues with the launch that spring boarded the sequence of events.

"That's what started this whole thing," Devolin says. Devolin has said repeatedly he's working on a long-term solution, but will not disclose details.

On a personal note, being elected warden by his county council colleagues was an accomplishment for Devolin, making him the first Minden Hills reeve to fill the position since Jim McMahon in 2005.

"A dozen years is a long time for Minden to not have the seat at that table," he says.

Algonquin Highlands

A few bumps in the proverbial road during 2016 aren't deterring Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"We've certainly had a bit of a roller coaster year around a few big issues such as the office addition and the two well problems, but we're confident in how those are working out and the township remains successful, progressive and responsive," Moffatt wrote in an email to the paper.

Algonquin Highlands council awarded the contract for an addition to the municipal building on North Shore Road to Woodbridge's Maram Building Corp. in April.

The \$580,000 project – which includes more workspace for staff as well as accessible washrooms and front entranceway – had initially been scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer, but work halted after the contractor defaulted on the job.

The expansion remains incomplete, with council meet-

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Talking pipelines and climate change

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Political economy professor Dr. Gordon Laxer says the Canadian government is missing the mark with the Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change and Clean Growth, doing a poor job at curbing carbon emissions and that Canada could be left in a “fossil fuel backwater” unless serious changes are made.

Laxer, who taught at the University of Alberta for three decades and was the founding director of the school’s Parkland Institute, will speak at Environment Haliburton’s next Enviro-Cafe event at the Minden United Church on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

He criticizes the Trudeau government for not strengthening the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets established by the Harper government in 2015, something the Liberals implied they would do during the 2015 election campaign.

“But now they’ve stuck with these pathetic targets,” says Laxer, whose latest book is entitled *After the Sands: Energy and Ecological Security for Canadians*. “Canada’s already punching above its weight in a bad way.”

He says the framework doesn’t do enough to demand reduced emissions from the oil and gas sector, which he points out is the leading source of carbon emissions in the country, more than electricity production or transportation, for instance.

“What the Pan-Canada plan is about is going after the small fish and kind of letting the big fish go,” Laxer says, adding that Ottawa has adopted policies that are friendly towards the oil industry.

“Ottawa endorsed the Alberta government’s oil-friendly plan,” he says. “It really is big oil’s plan.”

According to Laxer, it’s impossible for Canada to achieve the commitments it made with the recent Paris Agreement and continue the operation of the Alberta oil sands.

“It’s not possible,” he says. “You can’t do both. Canada’s going to end up buying emissions from abroad.”

Laxer says the Alberta oil sands should be shut down within the next 15 years and that Canada needs to take a stronger stance on conservation and energy security.

“If we fail to do that here, Canada will be left in a fossil fuel backwater,” he says.

He points to countries such as Sweden and Norway,

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— DR. GORDON LAXER

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which, like Canada, have cold climates and sparse populations. However, Swedes and Norwegians use a third to half as much fossil fuel as Canadians, on a per capita basis.

“And Norway lives on the export of oil,” he says, adding that hasn’t stopped the country from adopting policies that will phase out the sale of gas-powered automobiles by 2025.

“With today’s technology, it is possible to do this,” Laxer says. “There are things we can do here.”

Laxer’s presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the Minden United Church. For more information, contact Terry Moore at tmoore7031@gmail.com or 705-306-9254.



Professor Gordon Laxer, who recently retired after a career teaching political economy at the University of Alberta, will give a presentation on fossil fuels and climate change at an Environment Haliburton event at the Minden United Church on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Photo submitted

Driver charged with stunt driving

On Dec. 21, a motor vehicle was observed by a Haliburton Highlands OPP officer to be travelling at an excessively high rate of speed – more than 50 kilometres above the speed limit – on Highway 35 near Miners Bay and Davis Lake Road. The officer used moving radar and confirmed the observations. The officer subsequently stopped the black rental car at about 12:40 p.m. and as a result of the investigation a 22-year-old driver from Vaughan has been charged with Stunt Driving Pursuant to The Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

The man is to appear in Minden court on Feb. 2 to answer to the charges.

What constitutes stunt driving/racing? Section 172 of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act and Ontario Regulation 455/07 gives a detailed description of the activities that constitute the offence.

Drivers are reminded that the penalties for the offence have serious impacts, an immediate automatic seven day suspension of your driver’s licence, impound of the vehicle being driven, towing costs, if renting the vehicle all costs associated with the impoundment and recovery of vehicle for the rental company, not to mention the penalties faced upon conviction which could include a \$2,000 to \$10,000 fine, further licence suspension and insurance penalties and increased insurance rates.

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Patience pays off in 2016 for Stanhope airport

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ings taking place at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall down the road, while some staffers work out of council chambers, located in the municipal building.

The township had to dig a new well at the public works garage in Dorset after water from the first well was unusable due to high sodium levels. At the community hall, high iron levels were the problem.

"The overall highlight for Algonquin Highlands has to be the completion of the airport project, with the MNRF base opening, an aviation mechanic moving in, a development plan in the works and our victory in the Todd Brothers lawsuit," Moffatt wrote. "There were some pretty frustrating times on this project in the last six years but patience, strategic decision-making and a bit of give-and-take by all involved resulted in an excellent partnership with a solid future and much opportunity."

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry officially opened its new, \$12-million fire response base at the Stanhope Airport in August, with staff working out of the building since the spring. Its local fire response base had previously been located in Haliburton Village. Todd Bros. Contracting Ltd. sued Algonquin Highlands township after council cancelled an unpopular runway project at the airport.

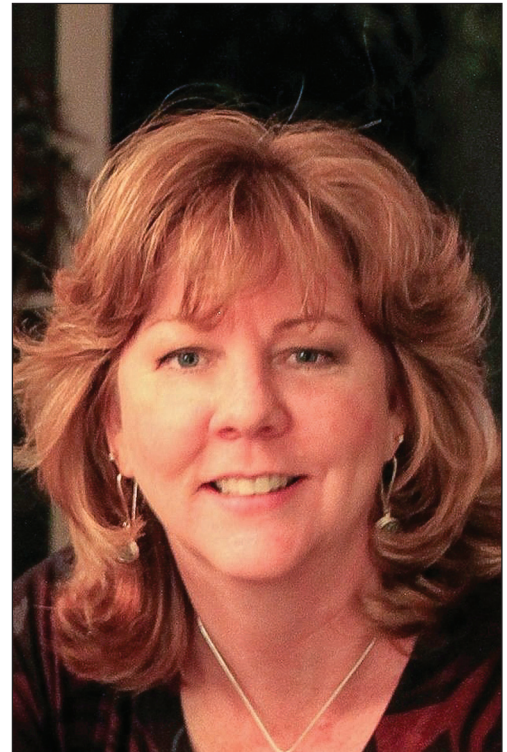
Todd Brothers was hired in 2009 by the council led by reeve Eleanor Harrison, for construction work on a new runway as well as rehabilitation of the existing runway. While the rehab work was completed, the construction of a new runway, controversial in the community, was rescinded by the next council, led by Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The federal and provincial funding that had been approved for the runway project was redirected to the township's portion of the MNRF base project at the airport.

Todd Brothers was seeking nearly \$180,000 in damages, representing 10 per cent of what the company was to be paid for work on the new runway.

In 2009, before the company's tender was accepted, Todd Brothers signed a waiver dictating that the company would "not seek any compensation for . . . work identified but not completed . . . in the event that the township cannot proceed to any of the phases as a result of matters beyond the control of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, or delays resulting from the review being completed by the CEAA (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency) . . . any other public issues/concerns or the withdrawal of funding from applicable sources."

The company argued the decision to rescind the project was an entirely political one and therefore within the township's control. However, the judge who heard the case concluded



Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt lists the completion of the airport project as amongst the highlights of the past year in her township. Photo submitted

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the decision was made because of public concerns with the project. He ruled the township was entitled to rely on the waiver. The Supreme Court of Canada then dismissed an appeal from the company on that ruling.

On other highlights for 2016, Moffatt referenced a number of projects completed by the township.

"We transitioned the Dorset landfill to a transfer station, including solar compactors," she wrote. "We built a new public works garage at Dorset; and we applied for FIT solar installations for municipal buildings such as the new airport hangars and the new public works garage both of which we purpose-built for that reason. We made continued investments in all three community centres, built a new township website, and installed webcams at the airport and the Dorset Tower. The tower webcam is just waiting for the Eastern Ontario Regional Networks's municipal broadband installation – participation in which is also an accomplishment. Our new culture and environment committees are up and running, bringing a new dynamic of public participation to our existing volunteer corps. We've been able to purchase new vehicles and equipment in the fire, public works and building departments. We've seen success in the downloaded septic

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'We'll need to really think through ... what we want to be'

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program and the trails department is busier than ever. Our fire services are well-trained and staffed by some pretty amazing people."

Moffatt says access to high-speed, broadband Internet will remain the greatest challenge in 2017, for both Algonquin Highlands and the upper tier of Haliburton County.

"When it comes to what's ahead, the biggest and most frustrating challenge at the upper and lower tiers has to be high speed," she wrote. "The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and EORN, of which the county is a member, participated in the CRTC hearings from whence the recent ruling was made about high speed being deemed a basic service and while that's admirable progress, it remains to be seen if and how the federal government will implement the ruling and if and how the telecom companies will participate.

"Affordability as well as the logistical application of that high speed in sparsely populated areas like ours will be a challenge and I fear that on the heels of this good news will be a pitched battle over cell towers which are likely to be the preferred method of providing high speed in our area as opposed to fibre-to-the-home which is simply too costly. As well, there's a 10-year timetable which

isn't helpful to fostering immediate and short-term development but we'll take the win and advocate as best we can."

Dealing with the implications of provincial policy, as well as the effects of climate change, are other, perennial challenges, Moffatt says.

"Ongoing challenges will include staying resilient in a continually shifting landscape," she wrote. "Big impact issues that will need our continued attention include aging infrastructure; increasing costs such as electricity, fuel and policing; and joint and several liability. It remains to be seen what the rural, small community impact will be from the implementation of legislative initiatives such as the Eastern Ontario Growth Plan, cap and trade, the new Waste-Free Ontario Act (Bill 151) and the provincial hauled sewage review.

"We need to be much more attentive to changing weather patterns in terms of having a realistic understanding of what the impacts are – right here, today, in Haliburton County. Wetter springs, drier summers and more snowy winters are anticipated to become our new normal so we need to be considering what that's going to mean for infrastructure management, land use planning, emergency measures, lake health and, of course, every-

thing that's connected to water levels. These are all integral pieces of our lifestyle and economy puzzle. We're already seeing undesirable changes and we're probably going to have to make some difficult - and likely unpopular, decisions around some of these concerns."

At the upper-tier level, Moffatt is pleased her county council colleagues are prepared to talk about about potential changes to county council and the role of county warden. During her last meeting as county warden for 2016, Moffatt requested that the upper-tier council have a discussion about changing the role of warden, which she says is becoming more and more about being an external advocate for the community and a liaison with upper levels of governments.

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"Looking ahead, I'm pleased that county

council supported my suggestion to have exploratory discussions around the warden's role and I believe there's a greater discussion about capacity to be had at the same time," Moffatt wrote. "I have some concerns that the community is on the cusp of being unable to accommodate what its citizens and visitors want from it; that we're creating a demand faster than we can fulfill it. We'll need to really think through where we're going and what we want to be.

"I was honoured to be the warden for a second time and truly appreciate the support I received from staff and the public in that role. As opposed to highlighting specific projects or initiatives, I believe our biggest accomplishment is the ongoing collegial and collaborative working relationship that exists between and among county councillors and staff members."

Moffatt was also warden in 2013.

"Overall, it's been another good year in Algonquin Highlands and we're going into 2017 with enthusiasm and confidence," she wrote. "I'm grateful to work with such a solid team, so within that framework my primary goals are continued progressive, collaborative decision-making, and ensuring that we stay on our toes in asking the right questions and staying adaptable."



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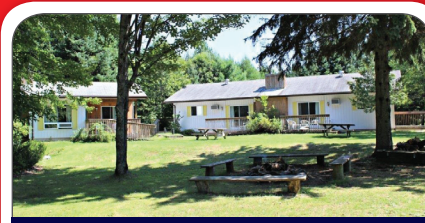
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The top 10

AS IS AN ANNUAL tradition around here, here are the top 10 news stories of 2016 for Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands.

10. Algonquin Highlands office

Originally scheduled for end-of-summer completion, an expansion of the Algonquin Highlands township office on North Shore Road remains incomplete after the contractor defaults on the job.

9. Shipping containers

After four drafts, Algonquin Highlands council passes a bylaw regulating the use of shipping containers as storage buildings in the township. The structures are not permitted on residential properties.

8. Fire hall

A project nearly a decade in the making, Minden Hills awards the \$2-million contract for the construction of a new fire hall along Highway 35 to Huntsville's Greystone Construction. The new building will open up the downtown space occupied by the current fire hall for other purposes.

7. Kennedy killers sentenced

Three of the four men accused in the 2011 killing of county resident Ryan Kennedy are sentenced after an initial mistrial. Sentences range from 11 years to life in prison.

6. Service Ontario

In the spring the paper discovers the province has plans to close the Minden Service Ontario office along with eight others by the end of November. After outpourings of anger in these communities, the province says the closures are on hold pending reviews, which are still ongoing.

5. County fair

The Haliburton County Fair, more

than 150 years old, is in jeopardy of folding as its board of directors tries to replenish itself with new members.

4. Boshkung Brewing

In a banner year for Carnarvon's Boshkung Brewing, the company's beers become available in LCBOs and Beer Stores throughout the province. Boshkung Brewing buys the former Minden Beer Store location along Water Street, where it will have a production and retail facility.

3. MNRF base/Todd Bros.

After a years' long process, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry opens its new fire response base at Stanhope Airport. A judge rules in favour of Algonquin Highlands township in a lawsuit from Todd Brothers Contracting Ltd. over a cancelled runway project at the airport.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

2. Bob Lake

Residents of Bob Lake approach Minden Hills council after a private landowner blocks access to the lake's lone public boat launch, which, it turns out, was never actually public, despite being used by lake residents for generations. In a \$10,000 process, Minden Hills makes arrangements with the landowner to allow residents to remove their boats in early October. Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin says the township is working on a long-term solution to the situation but as of yet, there have been no details.

1. Beaver Theatre

Minden is abuzz as the former Beaver Theatre, which has sat vacant along Water Street for several years, gets a new owner. The intention is for a not-for-profit society to become a tenant of the building, with Minden Hills township as a partner in the project. Minden Hills councillors, however, believe a number of requests being made are premature.

Customer service: a lost art?

FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THE last two weeks, I have had a disappointing customer service experience from the "customer service department at Windows."

How bad was it?

Well, every one of those recent conversations ended with the "customer service" representative telling me to "@#\$! off!"

Now, I'm not in the business of scamming people by pretending to be from Microsoft or anything, but I do know this. The customer service department at Windows might have to re-evaluate how they train the people who call you unsolicited at all hours in order to try to scam you out of, presumably, lots of money. Between you and me, I just don't think their business model is working.

Take, for example, my call this morning from a representative named Moad – if that is indeed his real name.

It started off well enough. Moad introduced himself as a "customer service representative" from Windows computer service department.

In response, I played along and told him my name was Clark Kent and I no longer owned a computer because I now do all my emails and web browsing with the powers of my mind augmented by four square feet of aluminium foil and a coat hanger. I figured if he could lie, so could I.

There was a second or two of silence on his end as he wrapped his dishonest mind around this. For my part, I started belting out show tunes at the top of my lungs.

But, you know I had hardly reached the second verse of "There's No Business Like Show Business" when he told me to "@#\$! off!"

Look, I understand that I'm not the best singer in the world, but, then again, I bet

I'm better at singing than Moad is at representing customers.

As I said, this is now the third consecutive time one of their representatives has told me in no uncertain terms where to go. The last time was when I told him that I didn't have any issues with my computer but I do have issues with the season finale of *Westworld*. That "representative" was not only unable to provide any positive feedback regarding a synopsis of my fan fiction script in which – get this – all the non-humans on *Westworld* find out the people they think are human are merely just more sophisticated non-humans, but rather he told me to "@#\$! off!"

I'm sorry; I still think that's a great plot line.

The time before that the "representative" had apparently never heard of the incredible echo trick. So I enlightened him.

When he said, "Hi, this is Bill from the customer service department at Windows" I repeated the same sentence,

hoping to add a little fun into his otherwise dreary life.

When he said "What?" I said "What?"

And so it went right up until he told me where to go.

The thing these people from the "customer service department at Windows" clearly forget is they are not the only game in town. If they continue to provide me with such horrible service, I'll never go to them when I require someone to scam me out of my money. I'm sure they have competitors who will happily do it more politely.

I feel so strongly about this that I'm currently formulating a letter to them that will outline my concerns. I don't know what I'll say exactly but I do know I will sign it, "Clark Kent."



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Better than the last?

THE HOOTIN' AND HOLLERIN' over the passing of the old year has subsided as we move along, trying to make this one better than the last.

More folks than usual seemed anxious to see the old year pass. I'm not sure why. It didn't seem much worse than many other years.

Dishonesty, exploitation, political corruption et al, continued at a nifty pace. Greed, environmental degradation, and maiming and killing of others, didn't seem much more intense than in other recent years.

More than a usual number of high-profile entertainment stars passed away, it seems. One that didn't get as much notice as most was my old classmate Bobby Curtola (Fortune Teller), who always seemed so much more decent, down to earth and less corrupted by fame than many others.

The scenarios stacking up at the start of 2017 hold the potential for creating a year far worse than 2016.

For many of us, the economy is worryingly fragile. Too many of us live too close to the edge financially.

Ontario's carbon tax scheme increased gasoline prices more than four cents a litre this week. Those higher prices will bring higher costs for everything moved by vehicles that burn gasoline or diesel fuel.

And there are murmurs of interest rates being nudged upwards, which would be disaster for many people, considering the debt loads being carried. Ontario Premier Wynne finally has admitted to mistakes that have sent electricity rates into the stratosphere, but attempts at ameliorating them are likely too late.

Then there's all the happy talk from Ottawa, which so far has amounted to zero in assisting the economic health of Canadians. But we wait, and hope.

And, of course, there is the Trump Lump, looming over the world like a malignancy.

Often the large and evident worries about a coming year turn out less threatening than expected.

Things work themselves out and we carry on.

Sometimes it is the smaller, less obvious stuff that develops into catastrophe.

The one that worries me at the New Year, when winter is locking its grip on us, is the bird flu. Bird flu is always with us, trying to mutate into a form that can pass into human bodies.

A rare strain of bird flu infected cats in New York City days before Christmas. It is the first known time that the strain – H7N2 – has jumped from birds to cats.

A virus that jumps from birds to cats is not a huge concern. It has happened before. Cats contracted influenza during the 2009 swine flu outbreak, and again a few years before that. But in those cases, it did not jump to humans.

However, just days ago it was learned that the flu in the cat mutated to infect a human, a New York veterinarian.

Despite that development, the risk of humans becoming ill with H7N2 are considered low. Still authorities in New York City are urging people not to allow their cats to kiss or lick them.

Thankfully, health authorities keep a close watch on even the smallest outbreaks of avian influenza. South Korea right now is going through one of its most serious flu outbreaks (H5N6) in the past decade. And, five cases of H7N9 strain were reported in China in December, two of them fatal.

Influenza pandemics occur when a strain mutates and hops from an animal to humans.

We don't need another influenza strain that learns to jump from birds to cats to humans. Cats are the world's most abundant pets. There are an estimated 600 million of them worldwide, roughly eight million in Canada.

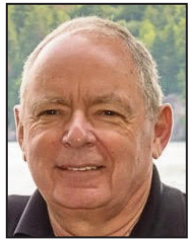
China, which always seems to be where these influenzas find traction, has 53 million cats. Not as many as the United States, which has more than 76 million.

The World Health Organization (WHO) does not appear too concerned about this new flu virus. It says that although small clusters of H7N9 have been reported, current evidence indicates the virus has not developed the ability to sustain transmission among humans.

However it does say that the situation needs to be monitored closely for any changes in transmission behaviour because any changes could have serious public health impacts.

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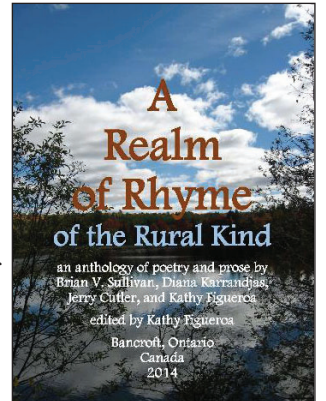
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A Realm of Rhyme of the Rural Kind
edited by Kathy Figueroa

Hailing from just east of Haliburton County, a group of North Hastings poets have written some rhymes of the rural kind. Featuring poems by Brian V. Sullivan, Diana Karrantjas, Jerry Cutler and Kathy Figueroa, each poet reflects on life in the rugged terrain of Bancroft and eastern Haliburton County, their internal joys and struggles,

and reminiscences about times gone by. In verse we visit Paudash in its four seasons, read a defence of rugged terrain, learn who the robins in Cardiff are looking for, and empathize with the bullies and the bullied.

A Realm of Rhyme of the Rural Kind: an anthology of poetry and prose by Brian V. Sullivan, Diana Karrantjas, Jerry Cutler, and Kathy Figueroa edited by Kathy Figueroa is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



Town hall turkey

Nathan Semach sent in this photo of the "town hall turkey" taken on Newcastle Street in Minden.

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Home is where the career is for newest denturist

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

They say home is where the heart is and for the Highlands' newest denturist Steve Kerr it is at the root of why he is setting up his business.

Two months ago, he started offering his services from Dentistry in the Highlands just a few steps from Archie Stouffer Elementary School where he graduated in 2003.

His heart is solidly entrenched where he not only learned his A-B-Cs and 1-2-3s, but also learned to appreciate the rural and rugged beauty of Haliburton County with its lakes, forests and untamed wildlife.

"It is very cool. Just all the memories, going to the bakery and stuff like that. To be back in the area ... I find it very exciting," he said.

Kerr studied three years to be a denturist at George Brown after completing his bachelor of arts undergraduate studies at Wilfrid Laurier. He welcomes the opportunity to have a career here and serve the community and possibly raise a family here.

He takes great pride in being entrusted with giving people back their smile. Teeth have a significant importance to our dietary and psychological health, he said.

"You'll have people crying in their chair because they haven't had teeth in decades. People are usually extremely appreciative and there's a very rewarding feeling from that for sure," he said.

Kerr, who offers close to everything from his current location owned by his father Bill Kerr and uncle Michael Cusato, has every intention of staying here. He plans on moving to his own location in a year or two in either Minden or Haliburton. He anticipates he will outgrow this facility, as demand is rising, warranting the recent hiring of an assistant.

Kerr provides denture service from start to finish, which includes consultation, the design and production of partial or complete dentures in-house, including same-day completion of most repairs.

He loves his work.

"Sometimes I take my work home with me, actually. After a long day, there is nothing like sitting in front of the TV and hand placing dental teeth on a wax model," he said, smiling.

With his dad Bill as a long-serving dentist and the founder and president of the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County, he is familiar with philanthropic efforts, having volunteered there for the past two years performing lab work. He continues to help at the VDO with his new licence, helping patients with denture work close to two times a month.

Originally from Scarborough, the 27-year-old has only known the Haliburton Highlands as his home.

The eldest son of four, Kerr starts the fourth generation carrying on a long family tradition in the dental industry. Younger siblings J.J., who is in his third year of post-secondary education, and Loretta, who is in her first year, are both studying dentistry and expected to carry on the dentistry lineage. It all started with his great-grandfather in 1922, followed by his three grandfathers. Now he joins his father and uncle, who both practise at the Minden facility.

Entering the dental field wasn't even on his radar as he attended high school in Haliburton, eventually graduating in 2007.

In 2012 that all changed.



Steve Kerr, son of local dentist Bill Kerr, is the newest denturist to the Highlands. The fourth generation Kerr to work in the dentistry industry has set up his own business and has been working out of the Dentistry in the Highlands office in Minden for the past two months. Kerr is a Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate./DARREN LUM Staff

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It was the early seed for me to considering a career in dentistry or dentures. That's something that is important to me.

— STEVE KERR

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"People would always ask me growing up if I wanted to be a dentist. I didn't really have a lot of interest in it at the time, but then as you go through life [things change] and it was in 2012 I went to Honduras with my dad," he said.

Since 2009, his father had been going to El Porvenir, Honduras to bring dental care to people through the charity Health Outreach, as part of the initiative Dentistry for Honduras.

This coming February he will return to El Porvenir to volunteer for two weeks and stay with Haliburton's Anne Fowler, who lives there part of the year. She has hosted Haliburton

dentistry professionals for the past several years. It will be his fifth visit.

While assisting dentists and dental hygienists he discovered the difference he could make in people's lives.

"It was the early seed for me to considering a career in dentistry or dentures. That's something that is important to me," he said.

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CRTC declares Internet an essential service

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has declared the Internet should be an essential service for all Canadians, which is coming as welcome news in rural communities including Haliburton County.

On Dec. 21, the CRTC declared that access to broadband, high-speed Internet would be considered a basic telecommunications service in Canada, announcing new high-speed targets, as well as a \$750-million fund to be spent over five years help achieve those targets.

According to the CRTC, minimum speed for this basic service should be 50 megabits per second for downloading and 10 megabits per second for uploading.

Other goals include having wireless technology usable in all homes and businesses, and also along all major roads in the country.

The funding is to be spent in areas that are currently under-served, the CRTC says.

The announcement was welcomed by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), of which Haliburton County is a part, as well as the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), which co-ordinates broadband projects throughout the jurisdiction of the EOWC.

"It is what we had hoped they would do," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, who is chairman of EORN, in a release. "Together both of our organizations have been working hard over these past eight years to close the gaps in Internet service across the whole of our region. When we made our submissions to the commission last April, EORN urged them to help ensure that rural people and rural businesses get the same type of access to high-speed Internet service that our urban neighbours enjoy. We asked that the commission also develop an ongoing fund to help organizations like ours to continue to work with the telecommunications industry and that is exactly what they have done."

EORN estimates that about one sixth of the region considered Eastern Ontario is a cellular dead zone.

EORN is embarking on a \$200 million-plus project to fill cellular gaps in the region, a project that will require the construction of more transmission towers and on which the organization is hoping to begin construction in 2018. The goal is outfit an additional 72,000 homes and businesses with mobile access, bringing the area's total coverage to 99 per cent.

"We need to build new towers, improve existing ones as

well as add coverage and capacity and we are confident given our experience on the first EORN project that we can create another success partnership with private sector companies in our region," Burton said.

Between 2010 and 2015, EORN embarked on a \$175-million project that aimed to connect 95 per cent of homes and businesses within its jurisdiction with broadband, high-speed Internet. Haliburton County contributed \$500,000 to the project. It fell short of expectations, with swaths of the municipality still without access.

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2016 Year in Review

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Changes for county fair

The Haliburton County Fair will be condensed into one day and will be held in June rather than August the *Times* reported in January. The board for the fair, which is run by the Minden Agricultural Society, decided that in 2016 the event will take place on a single day.

Man pinned by truck airlifted to hospital

A 29-year-old Minden man was airlifted to hospital in Toronto with serious injuries after getting pinned between a truck and a trailer. Just before 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7, Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to Riverview Furniture in downtown Minden where the man, who'd been picking up furniture with a 28-year-old female companion had been struck.

Cottage near Coboconk explodes

Two people were injured and the fire marshal's office investigated after a cottage near Coboconk exploded during the weekend. The owners had detected a strange odour and had called the local gas company. The owners and a propane technician were on site when the explosion occurred and two people were transported to hospital in Toronto with serious injuries.

Man killed in snowmobile crash

A 51-year-old Tillsonburg man died after a snowmobile crash in Gelert on Jan. 18. According to Haliburton Highlands OPP, just before 2 p.m., a snowmobiler travelling west on the Haliburton County Rail Trail entered the intersection at Francis Road, striking a southbound pickup truck. Two women travelling in the truck were not injured. The man's identity was not released by police at his family's request.

Fire destroys South Lake home

A Minden family lost their home and a pet after a fire destroyed a house on South Lake on Jan. 12. Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell said the home was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived. There were also explosions, which cast debris around the area. No one was home at the time of the



It was a clear day on Jan. 23 for the start of ice racing at the Minden fairgrounds in 2016. CHAD INGRAM Staff

fire, however, the family's dog died in the blaze.

Art Hive closes

For more than nine years, the Art Hive Maple Lake Artisans Collective showed and sold the work of Haliburton County artists before closing its doors for good in January. "Burnout" was the primary reason for calling it quits, said founder Erin Lynch. There were just not enough members with the time and energy to continue with the artist-run centre. The shop on Highway 118 between West Guilford and Carnarvon was popular among residents and tourists, who could purchase locally made products (and coffee) in the renovated general store.

Massive cuts for cultural centre

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre would be hit with a big funding cut, Minden Hills council decided at its Jan. 28 meeting. The decision was made to cut \$50,000 from the centre's budget with the reeve requesting a further \$50,000 cut in



Fur harvester Phil Tamlin, left, helps out brothers Aiden Perrett, centre, and Evan Perrett skin a muskrat at the annual Minden Fur Harvesters workshop at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. The full-day event included demonstrations, competition and comraderie. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

2017. Reeve Brent Devolin noted the cost for the centre had grown from \$147,000 in 2005 to \$340,000 a decade later.

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Councils buy in to broadband expansion project

Algonquin Highlands council lent its support to a high-speed Internet expansion deal between Haliburton County and Bell and the township will reimburse the county for service fees for buildings that will benefit from the project. Later in the month, at its council meeting, Minden Hills did the same.

During a January county meeting, council decided to contribute \$360,000 to a deal with Bell to expand the company's fibre network to 24 public buildings. Nearly \$100,000 of the county's investment went to connecting the Dorset roads garage and fire department in Oxtongue Lake, where the public wireless Internet hotspot was very unreliable.

Minden Hills decided to reimburse the county for service fees to its buildings totalling about \$13,000 a year.



Bethan McCutcheon, left, and Sue Tiffin organized Catch the Cure, which took place Feb. 13 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The annual event raises awareness of Angelman Syndrome and raises funds for research on the rare disorder. The day included a silent auction, family activities, dinner and a hockey game between Archie Stouffer Elementary School staff and the Highland Storm. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Talks break off between union and school board

After just a couple of hours, talks between Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation ended Feb. 4. The board formally requested arbitration. The union representing teachers released a statement saying it was disappointed in the turn of events. Teachers were engaging in actions since November, 2015, including not participating in staff meetings.

Budget cuts jeopardize cultural centre, committee says

Members of the advisory committee for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre were unhappy with council's plan to cut tens of thousands from the centre's budget. They asked council to re-examine its decision. They said the cuts and planned 2017 cuts would "seriously compromise the cultural centre's ability to operate."

Family safe after house fire

A home in Miners Bay owned by Cammy George burned down on Feb. 14. The call went in to the Minden Hills fire department around 5 p.m. George was at home with her dogs when the smoke detector went off. She was able to get all three dogs out safely, but the home could not be saved.

Teacher and two students in accident

Three members of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School



Garth Kellett, chairman of sesquicentennial celebrations for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden, stands inside the building alongside Rev. Joan Cavanaugh. CHAD INGRAM Staff

were involved in a serious car accident on Thursday, Feb. 25. On their way to an OFSAA Nordic ski competition in Collingwood, their car collided with another vehicle. As a result of the collision, the two students – Brynn Meyers and Christine Bishop – had minor injuries and teacher Jennifer Paton was sent to hospital in Toronto with serious injuries. Paton made an amazing recovery throughout the year with the support of her family and community.

Joanne Barnes named Highlander of the Year

Fuel for Warmth and the woman who founded it received a thank-you at the chamber of commerce's Business and Community Achievement Awards. Barnes was named Highlander of the Year and Fuel for Warmth was Not-for-Profit of the Year. Many other individuals and businesses took home honours throughout the evening at Pinestone Feb. 27.

Merchants revive business association

Merchants from Minden Village as well as those from outside the core banded together to revive the Minden Hills Business Association. Other attempts to revive a business association for Minden have fallen flat, but with a number of new businesses setting up shop in the community, Dominion Hotel owner Shawn Chamberlin said he believed it was now time.

Red Hawks win COSSA silver

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys were rewarded for their years of hard work in February, when they received the silver in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship in basketball. They lost a close game to the visiting St. Paul's Falcons, who took home the gold in the championship. "It's been a pleasure and an honour working with guys who have been committed like these guys have and they're all really good young men," said head coach Dave Waito.

Wrestlers go to provincials

On Feb. 29, three Red Hawks wrestlers headed to the provincial finals. A.J. Gillam, Sonora Plumb and Shane O'Reilly competed at OFSAA. They were part of a highly successful team, who brought home many medals during the season.

Denyer's rink wins COSSA title

Skip Alyssa Denyer was proud of her team for earning its first COSSA title and first OFSAA berth. The team of Tori Hawley, Alanna Casper, Emily Parish also won the Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships in February.

Boys' hockey team goes to COSSA

The Red Hawks hockey team made it to the Central Ontario Secondary School Association championships in March. Unfortunately, the boys were knocked out of contention for a berth to provincials after being eliminated by Centennial. Coach Ron Yake said the team played "with 100 per cent effort."

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March

Taxes up 6.6 per cent in Minden Hills

Residential property taxes in Minden Hills increased 6.6 per cent for 2016. Councillors for the township approved the budget at their March 9 meeting. The budget totalled more than \$12 million, nearly \$7 million of which needed to be funded through taxation.

Minden man dies following Lindsay crash

Jay Corby, 38, of Minden was taken to Toronto with serious injuries after a collision in Lindsay in mid March. On March 16, police confirmed he had died of the injuries sustained in the crash.

Taxes rise 5.2 per cent in Algonquin Highlands

At their March 17 meeting, Algonquin Highlands councillors voted to increase taxes by 5.2 per cent. The increase amounted to \$21.06 for every \$100,000 of property assessment. Most of the taxation increase was attributed to a \$240,000 spike in Algonquin Highlands' OPP bill for 2016.

Mild March temps bring sap early

Above average temperatures during late winter in the county had maple syrup flowing earlier than usual, but that didn't mean a poor season was in store. The typical syrup season in Haliburton County once ran from mid-March to mid-April, but producers told the *Times* that was starting to change. The trend is now for sap to run earlier – sometimes starting in February.

Homeless count gets underway

The City of Kawartha Lakes joined the 20,000 Homes Campaign, which aims to house some 20,000 homeless people by 2018. The process involved a homeless count in Haliburton County and CKL in August. The local goal is to house 24 vulnerable people through the Housing First program.

Reid clinches national CSRA title

Minden's Izac Reid, a snowcross racer, earned the CSRA title in the sport 600 class after winning five races and placing second in one over a weekend in March at Horseshoe Valley Resort. It was a goal five years in the making for Reid as he steadily progressed through his career. He said he was shocked when he saw his name on the top of the leaderboard.

Team skates well at provincials

Dance pairs team of Ruthie Parker of Minden and Isaac Little of Haliburton earned a berth to the 2016 Skate Ontario Championships at the Countryside Sports Complex in Sudbury in March. They narrowly missed third place by two-



The town dock along Water Street in Minden was submerged after the area experienced heavy rains. Levels continued to rise as water from the TSW feeder lakes north of Minden made its way through the system. CHAD INGRAM Staff

tenths of a point, but said they were proud of their achievement, especially since they only came together as a team in October, 2015.

April

Flooding closes roads

Some 40 mm of rain fell in the Burnt and Gull river watersheds during a 14-hour period from March 31 to April 1. Flooding led to the closure or partial closure of several roads in Minden Hills. Some roadways in Algonquin Highlands and the rest of the county were also affected and many Algonquin Highlands reservoir lakes were filled to capacity. In July, council was told that the flooding cost \$65,000 due to road closures and damage.

Algonquin Highlands begins office expansion

Woodbridge's Maram Building Corp was selected to construct the addition to Algonquin Highlands' township office on North Shore Road. The 124-square-foot addition and renovations were approved April 7.

Minden's Owen Smith drafted to OHL

Local hockey player Owen Smith learned in April that he had been chosen by the OHL's Flint Firebirds with their 13th pick. The Grade 10 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was happy with the selection, but said more work would be required to be at his best competing for a roster spot at training camp in June.

Wildcats rink resilient at provincials

The ASES Wildcats mixed team coached by Dave McKay



Couples dance to the musical stylings of Gord Kidd with the Sap Suckers at the Country Barn Dance on March 26 at the Dominion Hotel & Pub in Minden. This evening was part of two weeks of "maple-inspired" fun in the downtown, as part of the Maple Magic effort led by the Minden Hills Business Association./DARREN LUM Staff



Archie Stouffer Elementary School Jaguars volleyball player Ruthie Parker, left, crouches while teammate Sterling Nesbitt, looks on, as teammate Haley Boylan volleys the ball during a game at the North Zone Girls Volleyball Tournament at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton on Tuesday, March 29. The tournament included the JDHES Jaguars, Bobcaygeon Lakers and the Langton Trailblazers. /DARREN LUM Staff

finished as K event winners at the Timbits Elementary School Provincial Championships in Gananoque from April 7 to 9. The team made up of Crystal Petry, Grace Hudson, Ben Pilcher and Evan Poitz finished with a 4-1 record, losing in the A event quarter finals, but winning their next two playoff games.

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The Red Hawks senior player Rebecca Hamilton, left, pushes the ball forward, keeping it away from a Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute defender during home action on Monday, May 9 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. DARREN LUM Staff

Kennedy’s killers sentenced

The men convicted in the 2011 murder of Haliburton County resident Ryan Kennedy and the beating of another man received sentences on April 20. The three men, convicted in November of 2015, were sentenced in Oshawa. Sentences ranged from life imprisonment to 11 years. The fourth man charged was found not guilty.

VDO dentist receives community service award

Dr. John Purc was given the prestigious Community

Service Recognition Award by the Peterborough Dental Association at an event April 21. Purc has been a volunteer at the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic in Haliburton, which provides free dental care for low-income adults in the Highlands.

County to appeal to ombudsman on OPP billing

Haliburton County council decided at its April 13 meeting to lodge a complaint with the Ontario ombudsman regarding the OPP billing formula, asking the office to review the framework that came into effect in 2015, putting financial strain on the four municipalities. Because seasonal residences qualify as households and are



Archie Stouffer Elementary School's tyke athlete Emily Brown, left, hands off the baton to Tory Byrnes in the 4 x 100 relay at the annual Haliburton Legion's Haliburton County Track and Field event for elementary school athletes on Saturday, May 28. DARREN LUM Staff

taxed as such for OPP costs, the four lower-tier municipalities saw their policing bills skyrocket from \$3 million to \$6 million annually.

School board takes union to labour relations board

Following months of battle between Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 15, the board went to the labour relations board. On April 14, TLDSB send out a release stating it asked the board to “seek a decision on whether or not the OSSTF District 15 demands are a legal negotiation position.”

Badminton team wins at COSSA

The senior Red Hawks badminton team returned from the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship on April 26 with the title. The boys’ doubles team of Ben Schmidt and Jaydon Wood finished first place to win a berth to the provincials. Singles player Caleb Schmidt came in second at the tournament and girls’ doubles team Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden came in fifth.



Province announces closure of Service Ontario office

The provincial government gave word it would be closing Minden’s Service Ontario office. Located on Highway 35, the office was supposed to be shuttered in November, 2016.

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Matea Cameron performs Drop Your Guard, choreographed by Shay Hutchings, at the Haliburton Dance Recital on May 13, 2016. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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However, after outcry from Minden and nine other communities, the province backed off the decision, saying it would take more time to consider the fate of the office, which issues driver's licences, health card renewals, hunting and fishing licences and other such government paperwork.

Supreme court dismisses Todd Bros. appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada dismissed an appeal from Stouffville's Todd Brothers Contracting Limited in a years-long legal battle with Algonquin Highlands township. Legal invoices obtained by the *Times* show the township spent approximately \$170,000 on lawyers during the dispute, nearly as much as the company was seeking in damages. The dispute stems from the cancellation of the crosswinds runway at the Stanhope Airport, which Todd Bros. was hired to construct.

Cottagers' association hires legal counsel

The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association retained legal counsel for a proposal for an auto salvage yard south of Minden. The scrap yard application first came before council in 2015 at a proposed location abutting Hunter Creek Estates on Highway 35. Although council said they would seek an environmental impact study and noise impact study before making a decision, the association said it wanted a comprehensive, Phase 2 environmental site assessment performed with opportunities for the public to make comments.

Hit and run driver sentenced

A Minden man responsible for the hit and run that seriously injured another man in the fall of 2015 was sentenced for failing to remain at the scene of an accident causing bodily harm. Andrew Bull, 28, pled guilty to the charge and received a six-month conditional sentence in Lindsay on May 17. Along with a year-long driver's licence suspension, he had a two-year probationary period, had to pay a \$100 victim surcharge and was also ordered to provide a DNA sample.

Crash sends two to hospital

A 64-year-old Minden Hills man and a 29-year-old East Gwillimbury woman were in Toronto hospital with serious injuries after a collision on Deep Bay Road May 29. The two were northbound when the car they were travelling in crossed the centreline, entered the west ditch, rolled and ended up on a private property. They were airlifted to hospital.

Boshkung Brewing buys old Beer Store

The Beer Store relocated to Highway 35, leaving the old building open to Boshkung Brewing, which bought the riverfront location in Minden. "Originally we thought we'd build a bigger brewery where we are," said Boshkung owner Terri Mathews-Carl. "We can't expand at the spot we're at." Boshkung was based in the lower level of Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon.

Schmidt wins silver

Red Hawks singles badminton player Caleb Schmidt won a silver medal at Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships from May 5 to 7. He finished



Calvin Stein of Madoc drives his heavy ponies Bonnie and Barney during the heavy pony pull competition at the 152nd Haliburton County Fair on Saturday, June 11 at the Minden Fairgrounds. There was a variety of things to eat and do, whether it was the beef on the bun or the cotton candy, or agricultural demonstrations, live entertainment, activities for kids and youth or the various competitions. **DARREN LUM Staff**

3-3 and won his medal with a 2-0 semi-final win. He was the 2015 bronze medal winner for boys' doubles. The boys' doubles team of Ben Schmidt and Jaydon Wood finished seventh.

MacLean remembered for service, passion

Retired educator and energetic volunteer Malcolm MacLean died May 10, leaving behind a legacy of service in Haliburton. MacLean was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2013 and was a volunteer with Minden Rotary, the Minden Legion and was president of Canoe FM.

Schmale supports assisted dying bill after polling constituents

Local MP Jamie Schmale supported Bill C-14, the government's assisted dying bill, in a May 31 vote. The bill passed with a majority of the vote in the House of Commons. Schmale included a ballot question in a mail-out to residents in early May asking if they wanted him to support the bill. Of the returned ballots, 76 per cent were in favour of the legislation.

June

OPP investigate fatal fire

Bruce Harris, 76, died in a fire off County Road 21 near Jay Lake on June 11. Few details were provided to the press. The death was not considered suspicious.



Members of the Highlands Wind Symphony were dressed for the weather with hats and shades during the opening performance of this year's Music by the Gull series the evening of June 24. Presented by the wind symphony, the Minden Lions Club and the *Minden Times*, a different musical act will perform each Friday evening throughout the summer. **CHAD INGRAM Staff**



Jan Clarke, left, Al Blackman and Sally Moore sold lots of tickets for the 50/50 Draw. The draw was part of the Rotary Club of Minden's Charity Dinner Auction held on June 4 at the Minden Community Centre. **ANGELA LONG Staff**

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A little rain didn't put a damper on the Crazy River Raft Race, the highlight of Canada Day celebrations in Minden. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Stranded tourists urinating on properties

Algonquin Highlands township wanted the province to do something about traffic congestion at the Algonquin Park entrance along Highway 60 near Oxtongue Lake. Congestion was so extreme that sometimes motorists ended up urinating on private properties when their vehicles were stuck in traffic. “It’s really horrible,” said Councillor Marlene Kyle. “The cars are backed up to Dwight.” Councillors were told that more staff was being added at the park to sell passes and direct traffic among other things.

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Bob Baynton-Smith opened up his doors, and lawn, to members of the LGBT community and their supporters for Minden's first ever Pride Picnic held at the Wild Swan B&B on July 2. "This is history in the making," said picnicker Liz Jones, a frequent visitor from Toronto. ANGELA LONG Staff

Septic system damaged in construction

Two septic beds at the Algonquin Highlands township office along North Shore Road were damaged during construction of an addition at the site and work associated with the mishap cost the township about \$20,000. “It’s because we had a crummy drawing,” Reeve Carol Moffatt said. “It happened. It’s fixed and we’re good to go for the next generation.”

Track star in the making

ASES student Cole Hamilton won the overall novice boys’ trophy at the County Public Track and Field Meet at Rolling Hills Public School in Bethany on June 14. He won all of his events: 50 m dash, 100 m dash, 250 m dash and the two-by-250 m relay with Jayde Rowden. This was Hamilton’s second overall title at the event in as many years.

Students honoured at athletic banquet

The male and female athletes of the year at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were Caleb Schmidt and Kenndal Marsden. The awards were given out at the annual banquet on June 14. The evening was an emotional one as teacher and coach Jennifer Paton took to the stage to participate in the ceremony. Paton was involved in a bad car collision earlier in the year with two student athletes. Additionally, two longtime teachers and coaches Bruce Griffith and Tim Davies retired and were given Impact Awards.

Secondary school teachers, board come to agreement

In time for commencement at the high school, teachers represented by OSSTF and Trillium Lakelands District School

Board came to an agreement. In a joint release June 28, the parties confirmed a new contract was ratified. The union had said its workers wouldn’t run extra curricular activities in the fall if an agreement wasn’t found.

Millions for county dams

Multiple dams in Haliburton County part of the Trent Severn Waterway will be repaired or replaced through federal funding, it was announced in June. \$270 million was earmarked for TSW improvements in addition to the \$300 million announced by the Conservative government in 2015. Nearly \$40 million of the new funding will be used on projects in the county.

July

Plummer new CEO at HHHS

With unanimous approval of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, Carolyn Plummer was appointed president and chief executive officer of the corporation. The announcement came July 7 after months of reviewing more than 40 applications. Plummer was hired as director of patient care and chief nursing executive at the end of September, 2015. She replaced Varouj Eskedjian, who left HHHS at the end of 2015.

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Nine-year-old Auren von Zuben shows how to saw with might at Stanhope Heritage Day on July 16. There were 30 different demonstrators on hand to show a variety of skills such as quilting, farming, needlepoint and much more. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Dancers Grace Collins with the Collins School of Dance in Peterborough, closest, and Gwendolyn Allen with Celtic Steps in Keswick compete in the intermediate dance category at the Kinmount Highland Games on Saturday, July 9 at the Kinmount Fairgrounds. Despite the showers, there were 100 dancers competing for the intermediate and premiere titles. The event was sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning./DARREN LUM Staff

Rainbow flags fly at Minden Hills office

Township councillors received a request from local business owner Sinclair Russell to fly the rainbow flag, a symbol



There wasn't an empty seat in the house as Elizabeth May spoke on Aug. 25 at the SG Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden. The topic, Climate Change: Where's the Action, addressed global efforts to address the climate crisis. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered community. In July, they raised the flag on the office flagpole with many of the councillors present for the ceremony. "In view of recent hateful incidents, both at home at a business in our own county and more seriously at a nightclub in the U.S., we would like to suggest that Minden Hills show positive solidarity against discrimination and violence towards LGBT people," Russell wrote in his letter to council.

New staff sergeant at Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment

Staff Sgt. Richard Riopelle joined the local detachment in the summer, replacing Chad Bark. He said he saw policing as part of a bigger web of community services including hospitals, firefighters and the media. "Our community needs us to work together to provide those essential human services," he said.


Board discontinues special education at ASES

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board decided that as of fall 2016, it would discontinue special education at Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The decision was made due to low enrolment in the program and the remaining students will attend classes at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. There were four students in special ed. in the spring of 2016, but only two going into the fall.

County without ambulances on multiple occasions

Eight times in the first six months of 2016 there were zero ambulances available in Haliburton County, those incidents equating to a total of 12 hours. EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones delivered the news to county council July 27. Jones told council that call volumes continue to rise and that they were up seven per cent over 2015 and 16 per cent since 2014.

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Momoko Oishi, in green, leads a group of people with their lanterns to the Gull River at the Festival of the August Moon on Saturday at the Wild Swan in Minden. The event, which is a celebration of Japanese culture and the full moon, honours the tradition of toro nagashi, a long-held Japanese tradition where candle-lit lanterns are released into rivers to guide the spirits of ancestors back to the spirit world./DARREN LUM Staff



Minden's Barb Ballantyne won the best in show award at the Minden and District Horticultural Society's 37th annual Flower Show from Aug. 12 to 13 at the Minden Community Centre. This is the third time in five years the Minden resident, who said rain water and regular fertilization are keys for plant health, has won best in show. Ballantyne's entry was chosen from among the best in section winners by Ontario Horticultural Association approved judges. There were more than 300 entries by 32 exhibitors, which included seven juniors./DARREN LUM Staff



Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt speaks to the crowd at the opening ceremony of the new MNRF base at the Stanhope Airport. Under Moffatt, federal and provincial funding that had been approved for an unpopular runway project under a previous council was redirected to the township's portion of the fire response base project. CHAD INGRAM Staff



No. 145, Jen Russel Houston from Calgary, happy to reach the finish of the Highland Yard. HUW MORGAN Special to the Times

August

Forest fire at Avery Lake

In early August, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry were called to a blaze near Little Avery Lake in Algonquin Highlands. The fire was contained at less than half a hectare and there was no imminent danger to people or structures. The cause was under investigation, but the dry weather had firefighters asking people to be vigilant about extinguishing campfires.

Schmale launches second referendum

Local MP Jamie Schmale launched a second referendum - this time about electoral reform. The question asked residents if they thought there should be a nationwide referendum on electoral reform. The Liberal government had created a special parliamentary committee to reform the electoral process and asked local MPs to gather feedback from constituents.

Scott's Dam Bridge comes down

The federal government announced that when they reconstructed the Canning Lake dam they would be demolishing the Scott's Dam Bridge. Built in 1930, the single-lane bridge wasn't used for vehicle traffic, but was a pedestrian walkway. The dam at Canning Lake cost \$3 million.

Total fire ban in Haliburton County

The fire chiefs of the county's four lower-tier townships met Aug. 10 and decided to issue a total fire ban for the entire municipality. Extremely dry conditions and low forecasted rain led to the ban.

Chamber picks new manager

Autumn Smith was named the new manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The board

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The merry-go-round is a classic attraction at the Kinmount Fair. CHAD INGRAM Staff



made the decision at its August meeting. Before being hired by the chamber, Smith worked for Moose FM. She started the post Sept. 1.

new base.

Dorset waterfront plan completed

The planner for Lake of Bays presented Algonquin Highlands councillors with their completed waterfront study and downtown plan at the council meeting on Aug. 11. Opportunities identified in the study include adding permanent or floating docks; adding a roof to the skating rink; and constructing a boathouse for S.S. Bigwin.

Reeve calls for EMS base in AH

Algonquin Highlands will require an ambulance base within its borders soon, Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt said during a county committee meeting Aug. 10. Her municipality is the only one without a base. A call volumes report for the first six months of 2016 showed that Algonquin Highlands is the only county township where paramedics are not meeting response target times in any category.

Minden ball player crowned province's best

Tanner Hamilton from Minden won the Slo-Pitch Ontario provincial championship in August. Hamilton played as part of the Barrie Giants and received a silver ring. Hamilton plays in the adult recreational slo-pitch league in Minden and the fastball league in Fenelon Falls.

MNRF base officially opens at Stanhope

Years of work came to fruition Aug. 24 with an opening ceremony for the MNRF fire response base at Stanhope Airport. Some 60 staff moved into the \$12 million, 17,000-square-foot facility in April. Many had previously worked at the base in Haliburton. The new base puts all of the staff together under one roof. Fire rangers are part of those working out of the

Boats stranded in Bob Lake

Bob Lake residents packed Minden Hills council chambers Aug. 25 as David Gibb explained they were upset that access to a long-used boat launch off Bob Lake Road was blocked by property owners. The launch is on private property. Lake residents have been using the launch for the last 50 years and they came to ask council to remedy the situation. Reeve Brent Devolin said the township had no interest in purchasing the property. Devolin said he was hopeful the property owner would allow a window of opportunity for boat owners to use the launch to get their vessels back.

September

Cliff jumper dies

A 29-year-old Whitby man dies after jumping from a cliff at Raven Lake during the Labour Day weekend.

Scott criticizes government's Hydro rebate

Local MPP Laurie Scott told the *Times* that the Wynne government's pledge to reduce hydro rates for Ontarians was too little too late. Early in September, the Liberals announced rebates to Hydro One bills would be between eight and 20 per cent. "It's like they just woke up," Scott said. The average hydro bill is to go down 10 per cent, which Scott said isn't enough. She pointed to executive salaries and bonuses as part of the problem.



It was a sunny day for the Irondale Family Harvest event on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Irondale Church. This outdoor and indoor event featured a variety of vendors, showcasing their skilled work to education about wildlife and agriculture, and a horse drawn wagon. The church is owned by Bark Lake Cultural Developments. /DARREN LUM Staff



Demolition on the former Minden arena, which for more than three decades has operated as part of Norm Mills Auctions, began in September. The property at the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 21 is for sale. CHAD INGRAM Staff



A mixed tandem paddling team focuses on the next gate at the 36th annual Gull River Open Canoe Slalom on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Minden Wild Water Preserve. There were close to 80 competitors, which included children and adults. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Minden landmark comes down

The large orange barn on the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 21 came down in September. The barn was at one time Norm Mills’s auction business, but before that it was the Minden arena. Constructed in 1949, it was once located where the Minden Hills township is today.

Council considers options for Minden arena

It would cost about \$3 million to bring the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena up to grade and about \$6.6 million for significant renovations. A new facility would be between \$10 million and \$12 million, staff told the public at a special public meeting Sept. 19. That meeting set off future delegations and public meetings about the fate of the building with passionate advocates on all sides and re-opened the pool debate.

Hydro One deal doesn’t include dam

Hydro One purchased the Orillia Power Distribution Corporation from the City of Orillia. The dam on the Gull River outside Minden was not part of that sale and will continue to be part of the Orillia Power Generation Corporation.

Declining scores across the board

The latest round of results from the province’s Education Quality and Accountability Office show declining academic performance within Trillium Lakelands District School Board, including at the schools in Haliburton County. The board said it was reviewing the low test results and would be looking to improve including “strengthening the collaboration with and between teaching staff, consultants and administrators.”

Hike Haliburton largest yet

The countywide hiking festival, held Sept. 22 to 25, had about 2,000 participants this year, exceeding expectations. Approximately 40 per cent of participants are local residents. This was the 14th festival.

Council pays to allow boats off Bob Lake

Residents of Bob Lake were given an 11-day window to take their boats off the lake starting Sept. 30. A private landowner who owns the boat launch had closed it to public use, causing council to choose to pay \$2,500 to the landowner to rent the space to get the boats out. Council also agreed to pay for security and plenty of staff time was also used in the process.

Orie Loucks dies

Esteemed scientist, author and conservationist Orie Loucks died Sept. 10 in his home in Waunakee, Wis. of multiple myeloma cancer. Loucks was born and raised in Minden Hills and kept a home on Canning Lake. At one time, he was the institute director of the Holcomb Research Institute in Indianapolis; the Ohio eminent scholar at Miami University and played a crucial role in banning DDT from Wisconsin. He was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Highlands and helped created the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve north of Haliburton.

October



Potter Rickie Woods demonstrates her art during the annual Studio Tour this year. The original member of the 29-year-old tour was busy entertaining visitors and shoppers who came from far and wide to peruse her collection. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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Council rejects \$4 million Bear Lake Road price tag

Following months of discussion, Algonquin Highlands council voted Oct. 6 not to bring Bear Lake Road up to municipal standards after receiving a report it would cost \$4 million. The seasonal road has been a contentious issue and in June council authorized a study of the options.

Tower's popularity clogs Hwy. 35

Vibrant fall foliage brought carloads of visitors to the Dorset tower during Thanksgiving weekend, causing traffic jams that lasted up to half an hour. Algonquin Highlands has taken steps already to help with traffic including moving the gatehouse and reconfiguring the parking lot, and said more will need to be done, perhaps by hiring police in future.

Attendance up at Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Cultural centre curator Laurie Carmount told the Times that this year the institution on Bobcaygeon Road was attracting more visitors and bringing in more money than last year. Nearly 5,000 visitors and \$2,200 had been collected as of Oct. 20. While attendance was up by more than 100, money collected doubled. She said these results show the cultural facility was doing well. A new curatorial assistant also joined the cultural centre; Ruth O'Connell joined the team after working at Peterborough's Lang Pioneer Village for four years.

Tourism info centre to close

As Haliburton County prepared to close the tourist information centre on Highway 35 in Minden, it was decided the staff would be heading out into the community. The county's tourism director, Amanda Virtanen, made the recommendation that staff take tourism information out to various events, rather than staffing the building, which is leased from the Chamber of Commerce. The centre costs \$61,200 to operate a year.

New owner for Beaver Theatre

The Beaver Theatre, which has been sitting empty for years, was purchased by Rahim Lakhani. The new owner purchased the building for \$70,000 and said he hoped to be able to keep some of the building including the vintage facade. He began organizing in earnest to assemble community members who might be interested in turning the space into an active arts hub.



Members of the Minden Legion's colour party present the flags during Minden's Remembrance Day ceremony. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Local Shriners injured in bus crash

Some Haliburton County residents were among the nearly 50 members of the Algonquin Shrine Club in a bus crash en route to Montreal in early October. There were no fatalities, but many ended up with broken bones, cuts and bruising.



Seven-year-old Fallon Thorn gives her best impression of a Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees on Saturday, Nov. 26 in Nature's Place at the Minden Cultural Centre in Minden. Hundreds attended the three-day event, which featured 37 sponsored and designed and decorated trees, including 10 original wreaths and 12 gift baskets. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre organized the event and helped by an army of volunteers, generous sponsors and participants. DARREN LUM Staff



The relocation of the Minden Ontario Early Years Centre to Archie Stouffer Elementary School was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 21. From left are Trillium Lakelands District School Board director Larry Hope, Minden Hills Councillor Jean Neville, Julie Pearson on the OEYC, ASES principal Jane Austin, Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, Councillor Jeanne Anthon and Pippa Stephenson, executive director for Ontario Early Years Centres of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Using pylons for balance, a beginner skater Rowan Maddock works his way down the ice at the CanSkate night at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Organized by the Minden Skating Club, this offering provides weekly skating activities and lessons for children from the autumn until the spring./DARREN LUM Staff

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Jayce Peacock eyes up a gift from Santa at the Kinmount Legion on Dec. 3. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Field hockey team heads to OFSAA

The Red Hawks field hockey team went undefeated in the Kawartha Field Hockey League and competed in Peterborough Oct. 27 in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship. There they took the top spot, defeating North Hastings High School Huskies 3-2.

Land Trust announces Enviro-Heroes

Four groups were given Enviro-Hero awards at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's annual gala on Oct. 23 at Pinestone. The Minden Hills recipient was "one.to.three," a youth-run initiative that focuses on agriculture; Wolf Den Hostel and Nature Retreat was the winner from Algonquin Highlands; the Paudash Lake Conservation Association for Highlands East; and Abbey Gardens from Dysart et al.

Council puts moratorium on solar proposals

Minden Hills denied support resolutions for a number of proposed solar feed-in tariff projects during their Oct. 27 meeting and put a moratorium on hearing more. Although council approved a framework on judging applications, councillors said they were concerned about FIT's short approval window and lack of benefit for municipalities.

the bond company to find a new contractor. There would be no additional cost to the township.

Housing project costs higher than expected

The affordable housing complex under construction in Minden was more expensive than once thought. At its Nov. 10 committee of the whole meeting, council was told Minden Hills township would pay some \$122,000 for the installation of water and sewer to the 12-unit building on Parkside Street. That cost had not been anticipated.

Greystone to build fire hall

Minden Hills council awarded the contract for design and construction of the new fire hall on Highway 35 to Huntsville's Greystone Construction at its Nov. 24 meeting. The project will be about \$1.9 million.

County caregivers named Heroes in the Home

Algonquin Highlands resident Lynda Miller and Minden resident Carol Browne were honoured by the Central East Community Care Access Centre in the Home Caregiver Recognition Awards. The two women were described as caring, hard-working advocates for seniors.

money for the project. While it has reached the \$925,000 target, the cost of the expansion is a bit bigger than expected at \$1.25 million, leaving the foundation with \$325,000 to raise. At the ceremony, Don Popple, a board member of the Foundation, said he was confident the community could find the remaining dollars.

Doctor recruitment efforts continue

HHHS board said at its Dec. 1 meeting that they had received two expressions of interest from physicians who may come to work in the community. There is a shortage of doctors at the Haliburton hospital's emergency department, leading HHHS to recruit directly for doctors.

Youth arrested following Twitter threat to school board

A 16-year-old male from Gravenhurst was arrested and charged with mischief and uttering threats in December morning after Trillium Lakelands District School Board received a "generalized threat." The threat was made via Twitter and led the board to lock every school in the board, not letting anyone in or out. Within a couple of hours of receiving the threat, police arrested the boy.

Bob Lake price tag nearly \$10,000

It cost Minden Hills taxpayers nearly \$10,000 to get boats out of Bob Lake at the end of the summer after they were stranded in the lake by a landowner who barricaded a long-used boat launch on this property. The staff report said it cost \$9,300 to open the launch up for 11 days in October including \$2,200 for security, \$2,500 to the landowner, \$3,000 to Greg Bishop Surveying and \$1,700 for legal fees.

Funding shortfall forced YWCA to close safe space

In November 2015, the Peterborough Haliburton chapter of the YWCA had to close the doors of their Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace for the first time since it opened. Staff said there was more usage than there was funding and they helped women find alternatives outside of the county. They told the *Times* they were now fundraising intensely to ensure that never happened again.

Brent Devolin warden for 2017

For the first time in 12 years, the warden of Haliburton County is from Minden Hills. On Dec. 13, county council elected Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin to the position. The warden chairs county council meetings and represents the county at external events and meetings.

Minden Hills defers Beaver Theatre request

Council deferred a decision on reducing the number of parking spots required for the Beaver Theatre and a parking agreement until the new year. At their Dec. 8 meeting, Reeve Brent Devolin said the request from the theatre was "putting the cart before the horse" as it involves an agreement between three entities – the township, the theatre owner and a not-for-profit society – the latter of which does not even exist yet.

November

Contractor defaults on addition

Work on the addition at Algonquin Highlands township on North Shore Road stopped after officials say the contractor defaulted on the job. Woodbridge's Maram Building Corp was doing the \$580,000 project, which was to be completed by end of summer. CAO Angie Bird said the township had put in a claim on the performance bond and is working with

December

Construction on palliative wing begins

Construction on the new palliative care wing at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services facility in Haliburton is underway after an official groundbreaking on Dec. 2. For two and a half years, HHHS Foundation has been raising

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Novice Storm strike for title in the Mineral Cup

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team travelled to Bancroft to compete in the Mineral Cup novice tournament. The Storm faced the home team, the Bancroft Jets, in the opening game. The Storm came out hard and played a very strong offensive game capitalizing on turnover opportunities as a result of defensive pressure. Excellent skating and puck control allowed the Storm to keep the puck in Bancroft's end resulting in seven goals and the first win of the day. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder sealed the deal for the Storm. The Storm

came out on top 7-1. Looking to keep their winning streak alive, game two of the tournament had the Storm face off against the Stirling Blues. This game was a battle from start to finish. The Storm had great positional play and excellent skating that led to a few scoring chances early with no success. The Storm found themselves down by one heading into the second period. The Storm continued to battle for the puck and created some turnover opportunities finally resulting in a goal by Brechin Johnston, an assist by McLean Rowden and putting the Storm on the scoreboard. However, it was

not to be for the Storm. It was a great game, with the score not reflecting the effort and speed, but the Storm dropped this one 4-1 to the Blues. Earning themselves a trip to the B finals, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team were determined to end their day on top. The Storm faced the Barry's Bay Valley Storm in the finals and dominated play from start to finish. Excellent defensive play kept the Valley Storm from generating any offensive pres-

sure and the Storm capitalized on key scoring opportunities. With the final buzzer of the game, the Storm were on top 5-0 and were the B champions. Way to go, Storm! Congratulations to all players on an excellent day of hockey. The Highland Storm novice team is back in action on Jan. 2 when they travel to Huntsville for an exhibition game against the Otters.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Red Hawks tie Saints on road

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Dec. 23.

The Red Hawks hockey team had a solid outing as they tied the league-leading St. Peter's Saints 3-3 on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in Peterborough. Forward Josh Boice led the way with two goals and an assist in this tremendous effort by the team.

Sr Hawks spike down second place

Congratulations go out to the senior girls' volleyball team on their second place fin-

ish at the tournament in Fenelon Falls - splitting games with Brock, Fenelon, LCVI, Weldon, and defeating St. Thomas.

Hawks B-ball team outlasts Campbellford

Congratulations to the senior boys' basketball team on excellent play in Peterborough. The team defeated Campbellford 47-42 and lost a very competitive, close game to Port Hope 53-43.

Submitted by Judi Paul



Bringing it on the court

Right, Red Hawks senior player Kyle Cooper drives along the baseline past a defender with the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 46-39. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Falcons outpace Red Hawks in Haliburton

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

There's a lot the senior Red Hawks can appreciate after a 46-39 loss to the visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton, says assistant coach Dan Lapierre.

"Our team is full of hustlers. We hustle. We work hard. That's the key to it. The rest of it will fall into place," he said.

With the Falcons being so strong on the drive and on the perimeter, the Hawks were regularly tested defensively. The visitors had a balanced attack, which included three players scoring double digits. Lapierre believes

the team will improve on defence, doing a better job at helping one another and not leaving an opponent open if given a second chance against a team like the Falcons.

He appreciated the mindset of his players even if it factored into scoring chances for the opponents.

"They played aggressively. They just made too many turnovers. Half of it was because they were playing aggressively. They got to take it down a notch and control it a little bit more and they did that in spurts. That's part of the game," Lapierre said.

He counted at least four turnovers from trying to initiate the offence too soon when one of his players would try to dribble and run the floor before allowing the Falcons' players to clear the zone.

Except for the first quarter, the Hawks never led and played from a deficit all game.

Hawks player Kyle Cooper's successful scoring drive with a little more than a minute left in the third quarter drew the red and white to within three points, 32-29 – their lowest deficit since the first.

The Falcons responded, as they did all game, with an 8-0 run, punctuated by a three-pointer buzzer beater to stretch the lead to 37-29 to end the third.

Haliburton didn't go away. True to character, as outlined by Lapierre, the team continued to work and had a strong half, but could not get the stops they needed for a sustained run to overcome the seven-point halftime deficit and win. Both teams scored 21 in the second half.

Haliburton drops to 1-1 on the regular season and the Falcons improved to 1-2.

Senior Hawks rookie Sam Longo led the team with 11 points followed by Cooper with seven points, Sage Christiano and Collin Martin each with six points.

After the Hawks scheduled home opener against the Wildcats of I.E. Weldon was cancelled due to weather, the Falcons game became the home opener by default. This game has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, starting at 3 p.m.

Lapierre wasn't worried and is confident in his team's potential.

"The season is young. We'll get there," he said.



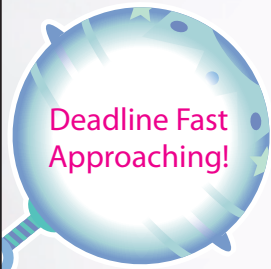
A young skater gets a helping hand lit by the light from the windows at the Family Fun New Year's Eve event on Saturday, Dec. 31 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. Organized by Minden Hills Township, the event also included tobogganing, hot chocolate and a fire./
DARREN LUM Staff

Skating in the new year

Minden's Finn Taylor-Bayly is coloured green by the mood lighting while skating at the Family Fun New Year's Eve event on Saturday, Dec. 31 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

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Congratulations to curling champs

The autumn curling schedule at Minden Curling Club would up in December with some fiercely competitive playoff action. Urged by pounding on the glass along with cheers of support, the players fought to the very end and received the following prizes:



Monday Ladies League-Convenor Jane Boyd League Winners-Alex Kernohan Trophy-Gift Certificates from Valu-Mart. From left, Eleanor Reid, Jane Boyd, Patti Prentice. Allison Malette.



Tuesday Mens League-Convenor Dwight Thomas League Winners-Bill Roodenberg Real Estate Trophy-steaks from Foodland. From left, Scotty Boyd, Ron Bobbie, Cec Ryall, Don Bunt.



Playoff Winners B Division-steaks from Foodland. From left, Larry Ferguson, Audrey Robson (subbing for Vicky Wellman), Allison Malette, Danny Butorac.



Playoff Winners-John E. Francis Fuels Trophy-Gift Certificates from Valu-Mart. From left, Eleanor Reid, Jane Boyd, Patti Prentice. Allison Malette.



Playoff Winners- A Division-Trophy Property Corp Trophy-steaks from Foodland. From left, Doug Hall, Ed Copeland, Rick Wood, Mike Clewlow.



Friday Night Mixed League, Convenor Bruce McClannan. League Winners-Remax North Country Realty-steaks from Foodland. From left, Doug Hall, Michelle Hall, Dave Thaler, Katie Paroschy.



Playoff Winners-C Division-steaks from Foodland. From left, Heinz Huck, Brian Hamilton, Kent Taylor, John Thomas.



Playoff Winners-B Division-steaks from Foodland. From left, Len Goreski, Bruce Fisher, Paul Prentice, Danny Butorac.



Playoff Winners A Division-Stedman's V&S Trophy-steaks from Foodland. From left, Suzy Landry, Iain Kay, John Thomas presenting the Stedman's V&S Trophy, Joyce Nilsson, Terry Landry.



Thursday Night Mixed League-Convenor Dave McClory. League Winners-The Ingoldsby Cup-steaks from Foodland. From left, Convenor Dave McClory, Carolyn Ludlow, Ron Reid (missing: Andy and Deb Walker).



Playoff Winners A Division-The Minden Times Trophy-steaks from Foodland. From left, Alfie Peneycad, Carolyn Ludlow, Ron Reid, Donna Peneycad.



Playoff Winners B Division-steaks from Foodland. From left, Ted Wilkes, Bruce McClennan, Ruby Wilkes, Carol McClennan.

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Here at the old farmhouse the holiday celebrations continued with daughter Megan and her family visiting on New Year's Day. They had started out from Scarborough on Boxing Day but by Lindsay the freezing rain made driving increasingly treacherous and they returned home. The second batch of wrapping paper has been carefully sorted out for recycling in keeping with the mandatory clear plastic bags rule now in place at our Crystal Lake landfill site. The two trees, however, will remain decorated for awhile longer until I run out of international celebrations such as the Chinese New Year. With Canada marking its 150th birthday as a nation this year there may be no need to take them down at all but just convert them into Happy Birthday Canada trees. Our youngest daughter Caitlin used to make us chuckle when as a youngster she would mix up words creating new combinations such as "taper powel," telling us about her Sunday School lesson on Jesus and his 12 "decibles" or sitting at the electronic organ ready to play the "Blue Danoob." On Christmas Day she was upstaged, however, when our musical theatre trained granddaughter Emma came back from the kitchen where she reported having turned up the volume on the turkey roasting oven as I had requested. Emma now having successfully completed her six-month full-time producers lab at the Canadian Film Centre will return today to her Toronto - based Production Company R.T.R. armed with her new knowledge and always present enthusiastic energy while grandson Austin shifts gears from journalism to his preferred area of sports journalism at Centennial College and Ben continues to love all things hockey including the Outdoor Classic at BMO field which he braved to watch along with the other 40,000 hardy fans.

Many local activities are just resuming after a holiday break and as our computer sent only a blank template of County Scores for the last issue of the *Times* this column will combine the usual two and catch up.

Dec. 19 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring trio members were Mary Johnson 5,780, Pearl Foster 4,340 and Ross Davies 4,010 with Sharon Gardiner winning the Lucky Loonie. Our interim reporter Muriel McIntosh advises that Mary Johnson and Ross Fletcher teamed up for a Small Slam.

Dec. 21 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Diana Spicer and Muriel McIntosh 59 percent, Irena and Alek Zworski 56 percent, Reet Murray and Frank Schlotter 55 percent and Dee McLean partnered with Joan Davies 53 percent.

Dec. 23 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Tied for first place at 57 percent were Jack and Willie Cox and Rod Smyth partnered with Reet Murray.

Dec. 20 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: With a score of 305 Connie Sawyer and Ray Lymer were first then Blanche Carr and John Kerr 300. At 277 Lyn Preston

partnered with Bev Kerr captured third spot while Sandy Poulton and Max McKelvey posted the afternoon's low of 213. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this news.

Dec. 20 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Georgina Parkes 265, Pat Roussel 261, Theresa Deak 213 and Gala Newell 201. First for the gents at 244 was Bruce Medcalf then Marcel Roussel 239, Ida Young 209 and Jesse Barlow 192. Other winners were Vi Howell, Dwaine Lloyd, Kevin Maloney and Bruce Medcalf with Georgina Parks claiming the only two moonshots of the afternoon.

Dec. 22 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: For the ladies Diane Wigley took top marks at 261 then Gala Newell 237, Sharron Atkinson 235 and Pat Roussel 234. Leading the gents at 328 was Al McMullen followed by Tom Grix 276, Marcel Roussel 261 and Doug McIntosh 236. Gail Medcalf held the hidden score, Sharron Atkinson won the card draw and our reporter Bev Johnson call 1. Bev also took a moonshot along with Al McMullen, Irene McDowell, Betty Wagar, Jean Randell, Theresa Deak and Tom Grix.

Dec. 22 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that holding the most lone hands were Theresa Deak and Doug McIntosh with Donna Darby and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Blanche Carr and James Bastedo while Warren Ross, Alan Arbuthnot, Bev Johnson, John Deak and Carol Wilson took home the other prizes.

Dec. 22 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 290, Betty Wagar 231, our reporter Bev Johnson 227 and Clare Obdam 222. First for the gents at 315 was Bruce Medcalf followed by Marcel Roussel 296, Doug McIntosh 284 and Ida Young 248. Sharron Atkinson held the hidden score. Howard Smith won the card draw and Muriel McIntosh call 1 while Bev Johnson had the single moonshot.

Dec. 30 contract bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Ross Fletcher partnered with Helen Baker were first at 56 percent then Jack and Willie Cox 55 percent.

Jan. 2 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Kay Godden and Yvonne Arbuthnot while Mary Trumbull and Lil Mann recorded the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Tim and Betty's granddaughter Lyndsie Sharpe while our reporter Pearl Cowen won the special prize.

Jan. 2 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Jean Randell, for lone hands Pearl Cowen and for both low hands and the special prize Maria Tschida. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this news.

The rain continues to rattle the windows, our long lane-way is impassable and a very bedraggled cat Jake has finally emerged from his refuge under the side porch. Fortunately his tracks in the snow led to his unusual location and even though television's Dr. Phil cautions that you never reward bad behaviour, Jake is enjoying a treat of tuna fish. Sorry, Dr. Phil but we still miss our Clarence and Taffy every day so are prepared to spoil the only four-legged, house broken inhabitant left. Until next week keep busy and well, they go together.



Foodland Masters Bonspiel

A great time was had by all at the Bancroft Curling Club on Dec. 2 at the Foodland Masters Bonspiel. First place finishing team from Minden. Convener: Art Work, Murray Cooper, Dave Tranter, Ross Petch and Dave Millington. Thanks to all volunteers and participants. Submitted by Art Work - Convener

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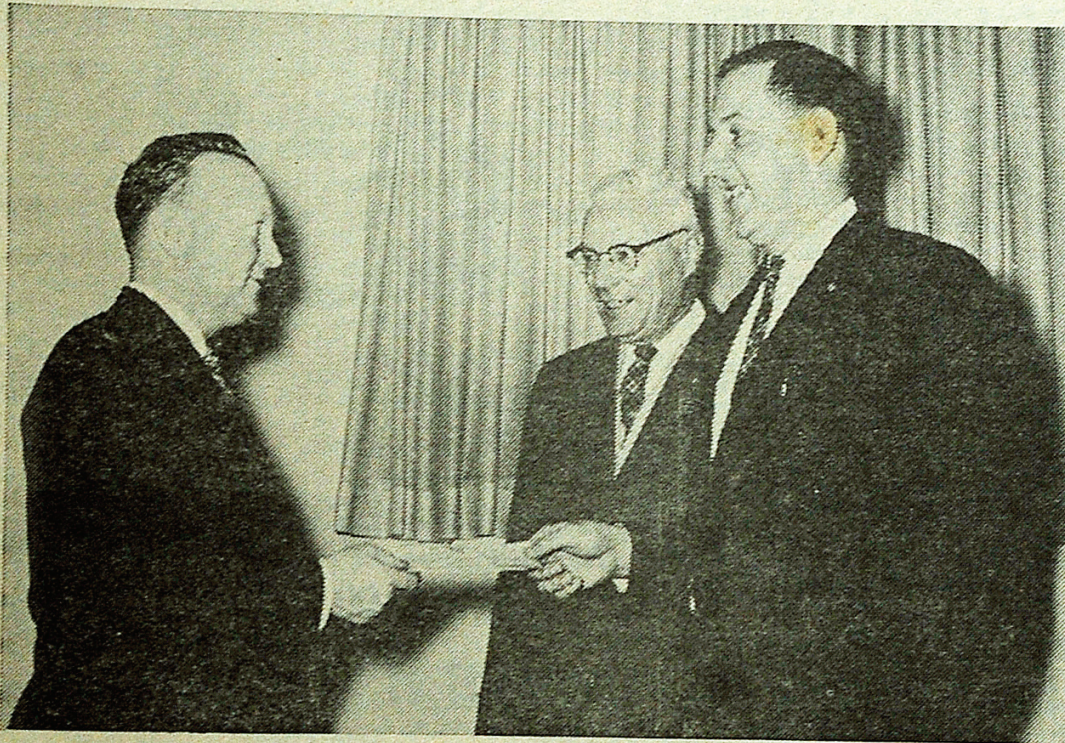
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Tourist Grant

Haliburton Highlands received a welcome Christmas present on Tuesday when Vern Graham, president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce was presented with a cheque for \$4,465.00 by D. W. Goodwin, District Tourist Development Officer from the Huntsville office of the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity. This cheque represents the third matching grant which the departments has made to the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of tourist promotion and development throughout the Highlands.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce recognized as the Regional Tourist Council, representing all the tourist Associations in the county, is one of 32 such councils across the province now able to qualify for this government assistance.

In making the cheque presentation Mr. Goodwin congratulated the chamber on their many accomplishments in the past year mentioning the restoration of the Bethel Church and the renovation of their information centre but especially the development of the Highlands of Haliburton tartan which will be an excellent means of advertising the area for years to come.

Mr. Goodwin stated that the many smaller local organizations working in liaison with the Regional Tourist Council in a united effort for the promotion and development of tourism is largely responsible for the acknowledged concept of Haliburton as one of Ontario's most progressive holiday areas.

COUNCIL PRAISES FIREMEN

Allegations made against the manner in which the Minden fire brigade operated during the Christmas fire that demolished the Minden 5c to \$1.00 store were discussed at Anson, Hindon and Minden council meeting on Thursday. Some residents of the town had informed council members of their concern over certain alleged irregularities in the way in which the fire had been fought.

Council agreed that they had only the highest praise for the conduct of the Minden volunteer firemen and their work fighting the blaze. "The men worked very hard — too hard in fact," said Reeve Lawrence Pritchard.

During an early stage in the fighting of the variety store blaze, the new fire engine, purchased earlier in the year by Minden council, failed to perform and this led to later reports that the water pressure of the new Minden water system had failed. Deputy-chief Max Jackson, who had led the brigade at the fire in the absence of Fire Chief

Eldon Deacon, was present at the council meeting and showed the councillors a defective bearing that had broken down.

Criticism of the methods of fire fighting were discussed and Fire Chief Eldon Deacon explained to council the difficulties faced by the fire department in getting enough training periods. The fire chief asked for permission to hold weekly fire drills instead of the monthly practices now permitted. "There should be at least ten well trained men and if a practice a week is necessary to achieve this then it should be done," said Councillor J. O. Jackson.

Councillor Jackson went on to say that if the fire chief presented a suitable budget of equipment to the council by January 15th, he was certain council would co-operate in every way. Council approved the sum of \$250 for any immediate purchases of fire equipment the fire chief deemed necessary.

Who Called Fenelon?

While complimenting the work of all fire brigades involved in the four alarm fire on Christmas Eve council wondered, "Who called Fenelon Falls?" Council were re-

minded of the by-law that permitted the fire chief or deputy to call upon Haliburton brigade for co-operation, and were reminded that the reeve's authority (or deputy's) was needed to call other outside brigades. The permission of the reeve had been obtained to call Lindsay fire brigade, but no one could shed any light on the call made to Fenelon Falls for assistance. Council agreed to pay the charges of the Fenelon Falls brigade: but the mystery remains — who made the telephone call?

MINDEN FIRE FIRST TEST FOR WATER SYSTEM

During the Christmas Eve fire on the main street in Minden the new Minden Waterworks System had its first real test. There had been some doubt by some people that the well could supply the necessary amount of water for the town. However, water was taken from the hydrants at the fire and there was good pressure on the fire hoses. The amount of gallonage that was used with no drop of pressure shows the ability of the system.



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David Albert Crego
Passed away suddenly at home on Friday, December 30, 2016, at the age of 60.

Loving husband of Nancy for 35 years. Beloved brother of Paul, Cindy, Lynn, Donna (Chris), Tony (Kathy), Ruth, Gerald (Andrea). Predeceased by his parents Gerry and Verna Crego. Son-in-law of Evelyn Woodcock. Fondly remembered by his sister-in-law Julie and Jim Allen, his brother-in-law Blake and Gail Cameron and by his family, friends and neighbours. Dave will forever be missed by his best friends Shawn and Charlene Silver and by his pair of Jacks; Lulu and Ruby.

In keeping with Dave's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Highland Storm Minor Hockey would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.

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In Loving Memory of
Lorraine Tabbernor "the Hat Lady"
Passed away suddenly the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at the age of 92.

Beloved wife of the late Jim. Dear mother of Karen and her husband Michael Shirley, Donna (deceased) and her husband Ron Jarvis, Ted Tabbernor and his wife Debbie, Heather Tabbernor (deceased). Loving grandma of Ellen and Guy Foster, Lindsay Regina, Allison and Phil McKinlay, Kyle Tabbernor, Drew and Pricilla Tabbernor and great grandma of Nicole, J.P., Samantha, Rob, Paige and Tyson. Dear sister of Mickey and Marshall Miller and predeceased by Gary Cosburn. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Lorraine's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

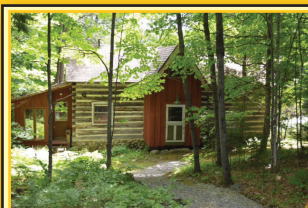
Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Archie Stouffer Breakfast Club would be appreciated by the family.

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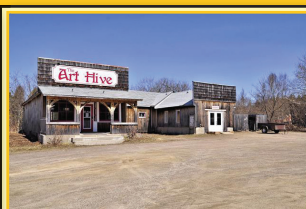
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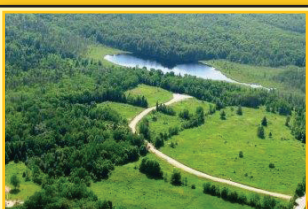
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5 LAKE CHAIN**Kashagawigamog Lk \$849,000**

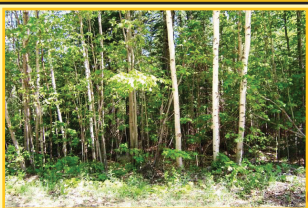
- Waterfront development opportunity
- Very private, good building spots
- Town Sewers, 120 FT of water frontage

Brandon Nimigon
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BUILDING LOT**View of Grass Lake \$74,900**

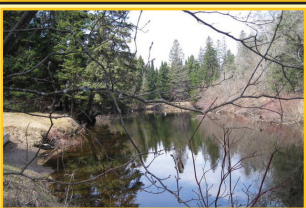
- Level, nice mix of trees & the lawn is already growing. Close to public lake access, under 5 mins to Haliburton

Karen Nimigon**
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SOLD**Minden Home \$274,000**

- Lovely country home on 5 acres
- 2 bdrms, 2 baths, sunroom, screened room
- Reno'd lower level, 3rd bdrm & 3 pc bath

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- 2 lots in private neighborhood near skiing, public beach & more! Build your home surrounded by nature & close to town

Darlene Reil
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SOLD**Gooderham River Lot \$34,900**

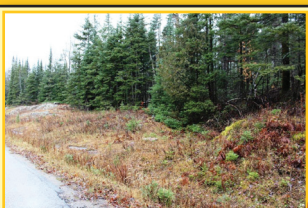
- Get your plans ready for a spring build
- Driveway in, some clearing done!

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HOME OR COTTAGE**Halls Lake \$149,000**

- Discount price, public access just steps away
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